CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey	No.:_	CH - 4	136 (PACS	A55)	 	 Constru	ction	Date:_	circa	1835	
Name:_	Benj	jamin	Adan	ıs Far	m	 	 					

Private/Residence/Occupied/Deteriorated/Restricted

Location: 6010 Cracklintown Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

<u>Description</u>: The Benjamin Adams Farm is a circa 1835 farm complex, which includes the main house, three sheds, a tractor shed, two privies, and two barns and is located on the south side of Cracklintown Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. The residence is a 2-story, 3-bay, I-house with a stone foundation, asbestos siding, and a side-gable, metal roof. A $1\frac{1}{2}$ -story side-gable wing projects from the west end of the main block. A brick chimney is located at the intersection of the main block and the wing. The property includes 69.95 hectares (172.86 acres) of farmland, in an area which has experienced considerable modern residential development. The buildings are set back from Cracklintown Road approximately .8 kilometer (.5 mile), preserving the rural setting of the property.

Significance: Benjamin Adams acquired the subject property in 1833 and constructed the current residence circa 1835. The heirs of Benjamin Adams sold 85.7 hectares (212 acres) in 1876 to Warren Gibbons, and the property remained in the Gibbons family until 1893. The property passed through several owners and in 1895, the land and "dwelling house" were acquired by the Carroll family. The property had a series of owners in the twentieth century until the current owner purchased the structures and 69.95 hectares (172.86 acres) of land in 1962. The property is not significant, as it is an example of a common building type, and is not distinguished by any architectural details or significant features. The integrity of the residence has been compromised through deterioration, including the substantial rotting of the porch floor and the erosion of sections of the foundation.

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DOE ___yes ___no

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MD 5 - Hugh	nesvillé Project		
1. Name:	(indicate preferred	name)	
historic Benja	min Adams Farm		
and/or common R	oemer Farm	** d ****	
2. Locat	ion:		
street & number	6010 Cracklintown Road	r	not for publication
city, town Hugh	esville	_x_ vicinity of	congressional district
state	Maryland	county Charles	
3. Class	ification:		
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	of Property:	(give names and mailin	g addresses of <u>all</u> owners)
	er and Robert Becker		·
street & number	10000 Brunswick Avenue		telephone no.:
city,town Silver			te and zip code MD 20910-1068
5. Locat	ion of Legal	Description	
Land Records Offi	ice of Charles County		liber 1051
street & number (Charles Street		folio 288
city,town La F	Plata		state MD
6. Repres	sentation in	Existing Histo	rical Surveys
title			
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7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one		
excellent good	<u>x</u> deteriorated ruins	unaltered _x_altered	<u>x</u> original site moved	date of move _	
fair	unexposed				

Resource Count: 9

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Benjamin Adams Farm is a circa 1835 farm complex, which includes the main house, three sheds, a tractor shed, two privies, and two barns, and is located on the south side of Cracklintown Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. The residence is a 2-story, 3-bay, I-house with a stone foundation, asbestos siding, and a side-gable, metal roof. A $1\frac{1}{2}$ -story, side-gable wing projects from the west end of the main block. A brick chimney is located at the intersection of the main block and the wing.

The south, or front elevation has a full-width, 1-story, shed roof porch which covers the first story of the main block and the wing. The porch has a metal roof, a wood plank floor and wood posts. The first story of the main block has a central entry and two, 6/6 double-hung, wood windows. The second story of the main block has two, 3/3 double-hung, wood windows. The first story of the wing has one door and there is one, 3/3 double-hung, wood window in the $\frac{1}{2}$ -story above.

The west elevation of the main block is concealed by the side wing. The wing has one, 6/6 double-hung, wood window on the first story.

The north elevation of the main block has two, 6/6 double-hung, wood windows on the first story and two, 3/3 double-hung, wood windows on the second story. The side wing has one, 6/6 double-hung, wood window on the first story and there is one, 3/3 double-hung, wood window in the $\frac{1}{2}$ -story above.

The east elevation has paired, 6/6 double-hung, wood windows on the first story and one, 1/1 double-hung, wood window on the second story.

Interior access was not available at the time of the survey.

There are eight outbuildings associated with the property. The first and second outbuildings are 1-story, wood-frame sheds with front-gable, metal roofs. The first is located at the southwest corner of the house and the second is located west of the house and the first shed.

The third outbuilding is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -story, wood-frame shed with a front-gable, metal roof. It has a 1-story, shed roof extension which projects to the north. The structure is located west of the house and north of the second shed.

The fourth and fifth outbuildings are 1-story, shed roof privies. Of wood-frame construction, the privies are located southwest of the house and south of the second and third sheds.

The sixth outbuilding is a 1-story tractor shed of wood-frame construction. It has a shed roof, three open bays and vertical wood siding. The shed is located northwest of the house.

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The seventh and eighth outbuildings are wood-frame barns, located approximately .4 kilometer (.25 mile) southwest of the house. The barns were not accessible at the time of the survey, due to the weather conditions and the condition of the farm lane.

The Benjamin Adams Farm includes 69.95 hectares (172.86 acres) of farmland, in an area which has experienced considerable modern residential development. The buildings are set back from Cracklintown Road approximately .8 kilometer (.5 mile), preserving the rural setting of the property.

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check:	Applicable Criteria: and/or Applicable Exceptions: _ Level of Significance: _	ABC	DEFG	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

According to deed research, Benjamin Adams acquired the subject property in 1833 and constructed the current residence circa 1835. There are no detailed, published historic maps of Charles County, Maryland, however, that locate and indicate ownership of structures. The heirs of Benjamin Adams sold 85.7 hectares (212 acres) in 1876 to Warren Gibbons, and the property remained in the Gibbons family until 1893. The property passed through several owners and in 1895, the land and "dwelling house" were acquired by the Carroll family. The property had a series of owners in the twentieth century until the current owner purchased the structures and 69.95 hectares (172.86 acres) of land in 1962.

The Maryland Colony was granted by King Charles I to Lord Baltimore in 1632. Two years later, the first European community was established at St. Mary's City. Subsequent colonization moved north, along the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. As settlers migrated away from St. Mary's City, the formation of a new county became necessary, and Charles County was founded in 1658. This area was originally inhabited by Algonquins of the Powhatan Confederacy. Road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of Charles County until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion required agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in the late nineteenth century linked Charles County with the north and south, encouraging trade. While the suburbanization of Charles County was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, the County has retained its rural and agricultural character.

The area that became Hughesville was located in Lord Baltimore's grant of 6,879.9 hectares (17,000 acres) of Newport Hundred to Major William Boarman during 1650-1699. This land included the region "east of Zachiah Swamp" and became known as Boarman's Manor. Hughesville does not appear on an 1840 Map of a Part of Maryland, and Fisher's 1852 Gazetteer of the State of Maryland did not list the community. Hughesville was located at the crossroads of two of the main routes through Charles County: Burnt Store to Patuxent City and on to Annapolis, (Burnt Store Road and Prince Frederick Road/Route 231) and Bryantown to Charlotte Hall and on to St. Mary's City (Leonardtown Road/Route 5). Accordingly, Hughesville is shown on Martenet's 1866 Map of Maryland, Atlas Edition. The 1871 State Gazette and Merchants and Farmers Directory for Maryland and the District of Columbia called Hughesville a "post town." Bland's 1887 Maryland Directory and State Gazetteer listed both Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches in Hughesville as well as a Friends' school, four (4) general merchandise stores, two (2) saloons, two (2)

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undertakers, a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tobacco buyer, and a population of fifty (50). Gannett's 1904 <u>Gazetteer of Maryland</u> defined Hughesville as a "post village...on the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad" (Gannett 1904: 43). By 1906 the community was known as "a station of the Southern Maryland Railroad...and a banking town" with two (2) physicians, two (2) general stores, two (2) blacksmiths, a grist and saw mill, a flour mill, an undertaker and livery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population of 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The Benjamin Adams Farm includes an early example of an I-house. The standard I-house is one room deep and two stories tall with three to five openings on each story. From the front, an I-house is often indistinguishable from a Georgian house. The gable view, however, reveals the greater depth of the Georgian house. Chimneys are most often located on the interior of the gable ends, however, some I-houses can have central, interior end or exterior end chimneys. Usually, an I-house has a 1-story porch running the length or nearly the length of the long side. On the interior, a central hall separates the two rooms on the first floor; the second floor contains either two or four sleeping chambers. Due to the narrowness of the main core, many I-houses have kitchen wings to the rear. During the Victorian period, pre-cut detailing or a 2-tiered porch was commonly grafted onto the traditional I-house. The I-form was popular into the early twentieth century, with examples appearing in catalogs of mass-produced suburban houses (Gowans 1992, 55-6).

Most inhabitants of the project area were engaged in farming at the time of first settlement. The barn, such as the two structures located on the Benjamin Adams Farm, was the principal building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the nineteenth century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the nineteenth century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities (Grow 1985, 60 and 76). Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

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National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1835, the Benjamin Adams Farm is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an example of a common building type, and is not distinguished by any architectural details or significant features. The integrity of the residence has been compromised through deterioration, including the substantial rotting of the porch floor and the erosion of sections of the foundation. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

	STORICAL TRUST Eligibility Not Recommended
Reviewer, OPS: Reviewer, NR Program:	Date: 5/15/96 Date: 5/20/45/

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10.	. Geogi	raphical Data		
		ted property Hughesville, MD		Quadrangle scale <u>1:24,000</u>
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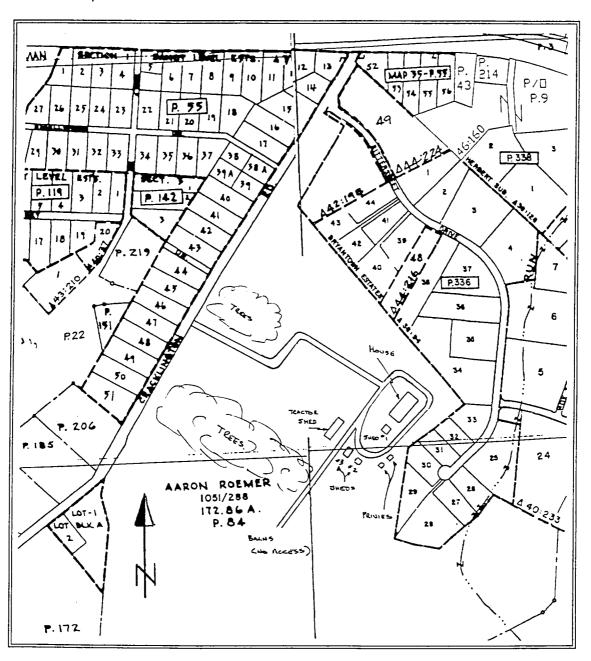
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Historic Context:

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Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

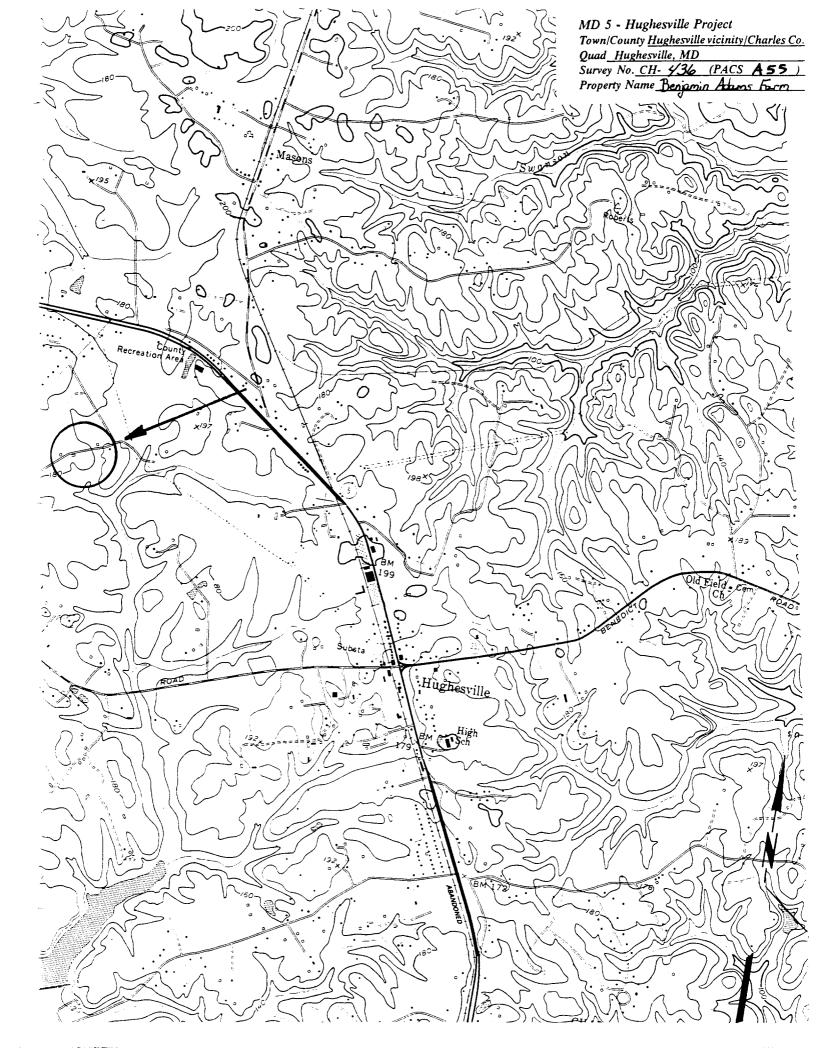
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Agriculture/Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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